



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2008

Approved
2/02/2009

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/CONSULTANTS
Carla Bailey, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Nettie DeAugustine	Dean Page	Michael Green	Julie Cross
Anthony Braswell, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Jeff Goodman			Jane Nachazel
Whitney Engeran-Cordova	Richard Hamilton			Jim Stewart
Michael Johnson	Angelica Palmeros			Craig Vincent-Jones
Lee Kochems	Mario Pérez			Nicole Werner
Brad Land	Fariba Younai			
James Skinner				
Kathy Watt				

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- 3) **Article:** "HIV-Positive Men Claim Discrimination" Santa Monica Daily Press, 11/1-2/2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Braswell called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve the September 29, 2008 Executive Committee meeting minutes (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PARLIAMENTARIAN REMARKS:** Mr. Stewart announced he had been chosen Parliamentarian for the California State Association of Parliamentarians.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no public comments.
6. **COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** Mr. Page announced the Sixth Annual Hepatitis C Summit would be held on November 21, 2008 at the California Endowment.
7. **PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:** There were no items for follow-ups.
8. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**
 - A. **Annual Meeting:**
 - The meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2008 at Luminarias Restaurant.
 - The Comprehensive Care Plan (CCP) will be the focus with presentations on each section. The CCP will then go out for two weeks public comment prior to approval at the December Commission meeting. The timeframe is short in order to meet the January 5, 2008 HRSA submission deadline.
 - Mr. Braswell's Commission Co-Chair term is expiring, so the position will be opened for nominations at the meeting.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported that Mr. Johnson was elected to fill the Operations Committee Co-Chair position vacated by Diana Baumbauer. He is consequently a member of the Executive Committee.
10. **OAPP REPORT:**
- Dr. Green reported the final financial status report and implementation plan for the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) was submitted on October 30, 2008 for the grant year ending July 31, 2009. Most jurisdictions were challenged to spend funds within the new August to July grant cycle, so HRSA permitted unlimited MAI carryovers. The County requested a \$1.1 million carryover of the \$2.5 million for approved MAI categories: oral health, early intervention, and medical case management.
 - HRSA disallows use of these funds to expand capacity without a mechanism to maintain it, so funds must be used for one-time costs or gradual, sustainable enhancement like the planned expansion of oral health to cover laboratory work. Mr. Vincent-Jones commented that increasing capacity is likely to be expensive at first, but decline as patients stabilize. Dr. Green said High Desert Hospital was being reviewed as a possible location for additional SPA #1 oral health services.
 - Dr. Green suggested shifting Part A funds from MAI categories to ensure MAI funds are expended as they cannot be carried over again. He added that the objective review for the next Part A application would begin in two weeks.
 - This year's Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism (AAM) by the Operations Committee will review the MAI contracting process. Dr. Green commented only incremental changes can be made to a contract not being resolicited. He added there are other issues, e.g., the prevention RFP is being delayed because of a shortage of qualified panel volunteers.
 - ➡ The Operations Committee will review the overall contracting process and prepare a Board report with improvement recommendations.
 - ➡ Dr. Green confirmed OAPP had agreed to present training on the current County contracting process for the Commission.
11. **HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT:** There was no report.
12. **PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC) REPORT:** In addition to the November 6, 2008 PPC meeting, there will be a Transgender Forum, "Back to Basics," on prevention, care, and treatment on November 12, 2008 at the California Endowment.
13. **CONSUMER CAUCUS REPORT:**
- The SPA #2 "Meet the Grantee" was very well attended, including many Spanish-speaking attendees. A summary is being prepared.
 - The next "Meet the Grantee" meeting will be in SPA #3 in January. Meanwhile, SPA #3 is planning a mid-November consumer forum including providers. A key goal is to identify consumers interested in attending consumer training.
 - Mr. Johnson said SPAs had approached the Caucus to participate in development of consumer leadership training required in their OAPP SPN contracts. Mr. Vincent-Jones noted that the Caucus would be responsible for the consumer training in the future.
14. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- A. **Priorities and Planning (P&P):**
1. **Comprehensive Care Planning:** The Committee continued plans for the presentation at the Annual Meeting.
 2. **Data Summit:** The focus on the November 21, 2008 meeting will be data from the 2006 LACHNA.
- B. **Standards of Care (SOC):**
1. **Medical Care Coordination (MCC):** The Commission and OAPP are developing a joint oversight committee and a Health Deputies briefing. HRSA technical assistance is being requested for Donna Yutzy, consultant, to help develop the service definition.
- C. **Joint Public Policy (JPP):**
1. **Medicare Part B:**
 - Ms. Cross noted the state elimination of the Medicare Part B premium reimbursement of \$96.40 per month for people with a Medi-Cal share-of-cost over \$500 was planned in October to take effect in November, but was delayed to December due to technical issues. The 5.8% Social Security COLA increase expected in January is not affected.
 - The Commission's policy brief on the subject has been picked up statewide to help inform consumers. Ms. Cross reported she also was working with the National Senior Citizen Law Center, Oakland, to improve information provided by Social Security to calls from the estimated 57,000 people affected statewide.
 - OA is trying to develop a means to cover the premium cost by January, but may not be able to do so.

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- The monthly cost for the 350-400 affected PWH/A in the County is \$35,000-\$40,000. Mr. Vincent-Jones noted the Medicare Part D Gap Assistance Program had been underutilized so there was still approximately \$600,000 unused, while reason(s) for that need to be explored. Using Ryan White funds averts concerns about partiality for HIV patients over others that are impacted.
- Mr. Engeran-Cordova was concerned that premium coverage like the Gap Assistance risked setting a precedent for other entities to shift expenses to the EMA as their budgets tighten. Mr. Braswell felt it was demonstrable that helping people retain their coverage maintained Ryan White as last resort funds. Mr. Land noted many in these programs do not meet financial eligibility requirements for other programs like HOPWA.

➡ Updated information will continue to be provided through multiple venues to reach as many consumers as possible.

MOTION #3 (Land/Watt): Allocate Part A dollars as needed to address the Medicare Part B premiums through the remainder of the fiscal year (**Passed: Ayes:** Bailey, Braswell, Engeran-Cordova, Johnson, Kochems, Land, Skinner, Watt; **Opposed:** none; **Abstention:** none).

- D. **Operations:** The Committee interviewed Robert Butler and forwarded his nomination to the Commission for recommendation to the Board for the SPA #8 Consumer seat.

14. NEXT STEPS:

- ➡ It was agreed to move the December Committee meeting to December 2, 2008 in order not to conflict with World AIDS Day.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.